

WHY A NOVENA?



This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he will hear us. - 1 John 5:14

There are many exhortations in Scripture to pray and pray continuously.

Praying over a set period of time is even more powerful. A novena is a prayer said over nine days imitating the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus.

They prayed and fasted for nine days, from the Ascension to the coming of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. The results of this were life changing, as the Holy Spirit came on the ninth day and empowered the apostles and Mary to boldly proclaim the Gospel, with no fear of either the Jews or the Romans.

Some novenas have one set prayer said over nine consecutive days while other novenas have a different prayer for each of the nine days, like the novena to the Holy Ghost. A novena is said in preparation for a solemn feast or in petition for some special grace.

Saying a novena for a petition of yours, from the heart, tells God that you are serious about wanting Him to take care of you.

Why not make a decision to re-commit to your faith by attending our Christmas Novena this year: December 16 to 24 at 5:30 am.

Come join us!

Remember to visit the new and improved Diocesan website at www.catholicbb.org for events and bulletins from each parish, daily readings and reflections, news from the Vatican and much more.

Also see pics of recent events at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/catholicbb/albums> and videos on YouTube at **RC Catholic bb**

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St. Patrick's R.C. Cathedral

3rd Sunday in Advent Cycle A
11th December 2016



Mission of our Church

To lead all people to unity encounter and participation in Christ



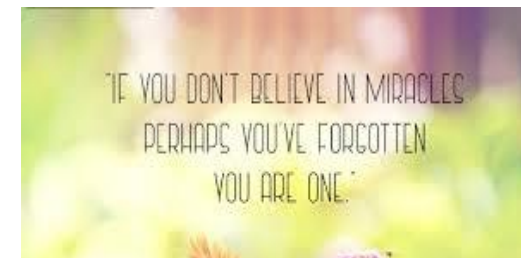
Vision of our Church

By 2019 the Roman Catholic Church in Barbados will be a leader in integral development, forming mature disciples who build strong Christian families and vibrant communities in the service of Christian Unity, the Common Good and the Kingdom of God.



Fr Charles Dominique, OP
Administrator

WEEKLY INSPIRATION



Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 6:30 am
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12 noon
Saturday 7 am, 6pm
Sunday 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm
Confession Saturday 5:30 pm and available on request

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SUNDAY READINGS:



1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10; 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10;

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus said, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear and the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

Advent is a season when children and adults anticipate Christmas gifts. But Advent means more than that to us. We anticipate and hope for renewal and deepening of our faith during this reflective season. Like the people of Jesus' time, we are looking for the coming of Jesus to set us free.

Questions to think about:

- Do I anticipate meeting Jesus in my daily life?
- In what area of my life do I need Him to set me free?
- And what steps am I taking to invite Him in?

SCHEDULE : ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON LITURGICAL EVENTS

Friday Dec 16th – Saturday Dec 24th - Christmas Novena

Theme: *Come Lord, dispel the darkness of the night*



Date	Time	Celebrant
Monday Dec 19 th Penance Service	6:00 pm	
Saturday Dec 24 th Christmas Eve	6:00 pm 11:00 pm (Carols from 10:00 pm)	Bishop Jason Fr Charles
Sunday Dec 25 th Christmas Day	7:00 am 11:00 am No 6:00 pm Mass	Bishop Jason Fr Leonard
Monday Dec 26 th Boxing Day	7:00 am	
Tuesday Dec 27 th	7:00 am	
Wednesday Dec 28 th Holy Innocents	9:00 am (Blessing of toys)	
Saturday Dec 31 st New Year's Eve	6:00 pm 11:00 pm (Holy Hour from 10:00 pm)	Fr Charles Bishop Jason
Sunday Jan 1 st New Year's Day	7:00 am 11:00 am No 6:00 pm Mass	Fr Charles Bishop Jason

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 11TH – 17TH 2016

Monday 12 th	12:00 noon	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday 13 th	6:30 a.m.	Randall Goddard & Family Christmas Blessings
Wednesday 14 th	12:00 noon	In honour of the Sacred Heart
Saturday 17 th	6:00 p.m	Maureen Haynes' birthday

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sacrament of Baptism fourth Sunday of each month during the 11:00 am Mass

Monday	Christian Meditation	10:30 am
	Baptismal Instruction	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Legion of Mary	5:00 pm
	Adult Confirmation Classes	5:00 pm
Wednesday	Cathedral Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Friday	Confirmation Programme	7:00 pm
Saturday	Children's Religious Education	9:00 am

NOTICES

Diocese Advent Mannequin Challenge. You are invited to take part in this fantastic opportunity for us to come together as a diocese, especially our youth, to participate in this social media trend as a means to evangelize and spread the Advent message. It will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday December 12th from 4:00 pm. Suggested themes to be included in the challenge are Line of People Waiting for Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, Receiving of Eucharist, Reading the Bible, Giving Gifts to Baby Jesus (Time, Talent, Treasure, Love), The Greatest of these is Love (Placard).

Christmas at the Cathedral - St. Patrick's Cathedral has planned an exciting evening of fellowship and entertainment on Friday December 16th from 7:00 pm. Come on out and join The Tenors, The Barclay Singers, Voices in Christ, Mariella Best, Fr. Charles Dominique and others as they celebrate the Christmas Season. Entertainment starts at 7:30 p.m. Contribution: \$25

St Leonard's Boys' Choir, the world-class boys' choir will be in concert at St Patrick's Cathedral for a magical night of carolling on Friday December 23, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$25 available from A and B Music Supplies, Sheraton Centre.

BREATHE - Upcoming Album Launch - The choir of Our Lady of the Rosary (COLOR) announces the upcoming launch of the album: **BREATHE**. It is dedicated to the memory of **Denis Del Castilho**, a brilliant musician, loving friend, faithful servant. CDs will be soon available at a cost of \$30. Pre-order your copy by e-mailing olorchoir@gmail.com